

## TRIBUTE TO LARY BURGETT

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. CRAMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lary Burgett for receiving the 2006 Isaac M. Cline Award from the National Weather Service. The Cline Award is the highest honor the National Weather Service can bestow upon its employees. Mr. Burgett is the third local recipient of this award since the Huntsville Weather Forecasting Office was established in 2003.

The Isaac M. Cline Award is presented each year to individuals and teams that have made significant contributions in support of the National Weather Service's strategic and operational plans. Mr. Burgett was awarded the Cline Award for maintaining a high level of performance in North Alabama throughout the year.

Madam Speaker, the Tennessee Valley has a weather pattern much different from the rest of the nation. In 2002, the National Weather Service established a Weather Forecasting Office in Huntsville in order to track and predict this region's volatile weather systems. Mr. Burgett is one of the original employees of Huntsville's WFO who also worked at the previous Huntsville Weather Service Office. His knowledge and experience was critical during the transition and start-up of our WFO. He has continued his level of professionalism for over twenty-nine years.

Madam Speaker, the employees of the Huntsville Weather Forecasting Office are gathering today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Burgett for receiving the 2006 Isaac M. Cline Award. I rise today to join in their celebration and to congratulate Lary Burgett on this honor.

## TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MURRAY COUNTY

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Murray County, Minnesota on its sesquicentennial anniversary and to commemorate the celebration that will be taking place July 27–29, 2007 to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of Murray County.

Murray County was founded in 1857 and named after William Pitt Murray, a political leader in Minnesota at the time. However, the roots of Murray County go back to 1833, when the American Fur Company built a trading post on the edge of Bear Lake.

This trading post was the first settlement in what would become Murray County. It was soon joined by the county's first bank, hotel, store, and post office. And even more impressive is that everyone of these buildings were constructed on the plains of western Minnesota before one single building was built on the future sites of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Throughout its 150-year history, Murray County has been an outstanding example of the innovation and sense of community that its founders brought to the Minnesota prairie. I

congratulate the residents of Murray County on 150 years of success and wish them a bright future.

## TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union for reaching a momentous milestone, its 100th Anniversary. As is their annual tradition, the lodge will take this opportunity to celebrate with a Golden Member banquet, which will take place on Sunday, August 12, 2007.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration includes a ceremonial appreciation of the Union's Golden Members, those individuals who have achieved 50 years of membership. This year's Golden Members include: Judith Marie Brefeld, Geraldine Brklevich, Shirley Bronikowski, Esther M. Fadell, Antone J. Giorgi, Joseph L. Haralovich, Madelin Kazmier, Juliana H. King, George Kirincic, Michael Kuchaes, Jr., Judith Kathleen Lavery, Frank Joseph Mosca, Sr., William Pulford, Elizabeth J. Sedey, Stevan J. Trtan, Phyllis M. Vician, Dean J. Wantland, Joseph Winkler, and Angela A. Yelusich.

These faithful and devoted individuals share this esteemed tribute with over 400 other Golden Members who have previously attained this prestigious designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at the Croatian Center's gazebo with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The Saint George Tamburitians from Cokeburg, Pennsylvania will perform at the mass, which will be followed by a gala event and formal dinner featuring the DUNAV Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President Betty Morgavan and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in elevating the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring happiness, good health, and success for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, during consideration of the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3043), I incorrectly voted no on the Pence Amendment. During the rapidity of voting on the series of 13 amendments to this bill, I mistakenly voted against Congressman PENCE's amendment that would

have prohibited funds in the bill from funding the Planned Parenthood Federation of America or any of its affiliates. It was my full intention to vote for this amendment, as I have been and continue to be a strong advocate of pro-life issues and legislation. My voting record makes it apparently clear that I have never wavered in my support of pro-life legislation. In closing, I fully support Congressman PENCE's amendment to H.R. 3043, and I will continue to vote in favor of pro-life legislation as I have done throughout my 14 years in Congress.

## IN HONOR OF MR. MACEO SNIPES

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a forgotten soldier whose achievements mandate acknowledgement from this deliberative body. The Second Congressional District of Georgia is proud to call the late Maceo Snipes—a man of distinction—one of our own. In recognition of his service and tragic death, a memorial service was held in his honor on Saturday, July 21, 2007.

On March 28, 1909 Maceo Snipes was born to the late John and Lula Snipes in Taylor County, Georgia. At the age of 34, he enlisted into the U.S. Army, where he honorably fought in World War II.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Rupert, Georgia, where his courage continued to exemplify. Maceo Snipes made history in Taylor County, when he made a statement by voting in the 1946 primary election. In this process, he became the first African-American to vote in Taylor County since the Reconstruction.

Unfortunately the novelty actions of Mr. Snipes led others to bigotry. The next day Maceo Snipes was shot at his family home in Taylor County, Georgia. Three days following the brutal shooting, Maceo Snipes died in Atlanta, GA. The day was July 17, 1946. Although he died, his diligent spirit will continue to live in the memories of Georgians. For years to come, proponents of civil rights will look to his example for inspiration.

So on this 24th day of July, 2007, I with great honor commend Maceo Snipes for his service and bravery. Snipes is a credit to the ideal American, who devoted his life to his community and our country.

## STOP THE BLAME GAME WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2007*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, over the last week or so I have listened to a number of my colleagues come to the floor of this Chamber to lament the 1974 "invasion" of Cyprus. For many years the United States, the European Union and other members of the international community have worked together for a just and lasting solution to the vexing problem of Cyprus. That is why I am deeply